



## **METROPOLITAN HOUSING COMMISSION**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010, AT 8:00 AM**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,  
310 N. COMMERCE PARK LOOP, SANTA RITA BUILDING,  
TERRACE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUCSON, ARIZONA**

### **LEGAL ACTION REPORT**

1. Call to Order / Roll Call  
Introductions  
**Introductions were made and Mike Grassinger called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.**
2. Approval of December 10, 2009, minutes  
**Jerry Anderson made a MOTION to approve the minutes and it was second by Leslie Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Election of Officers  
**Jerry Anderson made a MOTION to nominate Evelia Martinez as Chair-Elect. Motion was second by Leslie Carlson. The new Chair is Michael Grassinger. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Intergovernmental Affairs and Affordable Housing – Guest Speaker Mary Okoye  
Continued from the December meeting  
**Mary Okoye, City of Tucson Intergovernmental Relations Director, provided information on State and Federal Legislation. She discussed various Bills and urged lobbying of legislators on the 2/3 enactment on a revenue tax. There will be an announcement today on the NSP2 allocations. Mary Okoye will check to see what is happening with the Federal Housing Trust Fund and get back to the Commission on this.**
5. Discussion of the Housing Commission's Current and future potential Impacts on Affordable Housing and the community – Jerry Anderson  
**Jerry Anderson would like to invite the CHDO's, builders (non-profit and for-profit), SAHBA, and City staff to the Commission meetings to give a 15 minute presentation on what everyone is doing. He would like a one page summary from each of them. Questions that Commission could ask of them would be their connection/linkage with how are they financing, are you including Green work in your projects, is there a transportation component, what are some of your biggest barriers on these projects.**

He would also like City staff to provide an update on the General Plan (housing element) at the next meeting.

He also would like more neighborhood engagement.

Another item he would like on the agenda is the Housing and Community Development Departments performance measures.

Leslie Carlson informed the Commission of the upcoming stakeholders meeting on the Consolidated Plan that are being held. That there are several that pertain to housing and she would encourage Commission Members to attend some.

6. Development of a Strategy on the Foreclosure Wave – Pete Chalupsky  
**Pete Chalupsky addressed the foreclosure wave on multi-housing units. The NSP2 has resources for acquiring multi-family units. Pete Chalupsky made a MOTION to work with City staff and other partners (both profit and nonprofit) to develop a strategy to improve the acquisition of multi-housing units which are coming on the foreclosure market. Motion was second by Evelia Martinez. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Discussion on 2010 Goals and Communication – Mike Grassinger  
**There were various items that were set as goals for the Commission for 2010:**

**The RFP Project – An RFP Task Force was created  
Continue with the Development Services barriers issue  
Community Land Trust  
Legislative Issues  
Support Bond Packages on Housing  
Building Strategic Partnerships**

**Mike Grassinger will work with the Arizona Housing Alliance to have some commission members attend a networking luncheon.**

**Chris Kaselemis would have staff come to the Commission Meeting next month to discuss the General Plan and how the Commission could assist with the housing element.**

**BREAK**

8. Discussion on Various Housing Trust Fund Issues

- a. Reporting

- b. Funding

**Michael McDonald informed the Commission that the Tucson Housing Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has not met recently and does not have any funding except what is left unallocated in the Employee Assisted Down Payment program. The Commission asked that Mike Grassinger meet and discuss with the Chair of the CAC having a joint meeting and if there is anything that the Commission can assist them in.**

9. Legislative Barrier and an MHC Project – Discussion and Assignment – Michael McDonald  
**Michael would like to have the Commission work on an affordable project (rental or homeownership) and would like it to be a collaborative effort that comes from the Commission and maybe invite the Pima County Commission. Michael McDonald informed the Commission that Habitat would match the project. This would include having partners, volunteering labor and/or supplies and has to be for low income families. This will have a positive infection and re-energize the Commission. MOTION was made by Mike Grassinger and second by Steve Tofel to create an RFP Task Force. Michael McDonald volunteered to chair. They will meet prior to the next Commission meeting and have something to present to the full Commission by the next meeting. It was also suggested that there be a 1 page information sheet provided to Mayor and Council during the February 23, 2010 presentation at Study Session of the Annual Production Report. It was decided that all Commission Members would be invited to the first Task Force meeting. He would also like to continue to have the Joint City/County Housing Commission Subcommittee work on the Development Services Barrier.**
10. Review and Discussion on the 93<sup>rd</sup> Arizona Town Hall Meeting held November 2-5, 2008 Report, the Arizona Incentives for Affordable Housing Task Force and the Regulatory Barriers to Publicly-Subsidized Housing and Recommendations Report – Michael McDonald  
**Michael McDonald discussed this item in combination with item number 9.**
11. Discussion of the Membership Representation on the MHC and other related issues – Susan Soto  
**Discussion was held on the various vacancies and the categories of the vacancies. Maryann Beerling attended the meeting as a guest and possible candidate for the Commission. Discussion was held on the Finance/Real Estate category of the Commission and the Neighborhood Consumer Advocacy category. Discussion was also held on the structure of the various subcommittees of the Commission. It was decided that the Chair and Chair-Elect, Mike Grassinger and Evelia Martinez would meet and discuss this and return to the next meeting with a recommendation to the Commission.**
12. Call to the Audience  
**Maryann Beerling introduced herself and spoke briefly of her background.**
13. Adjournment  
**Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM**